

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Merrill Denton of Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Merrill "Ned" Denton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ned Denton, a Maury County native and the son of the late Bourbon Kannon Denton and William C. Denton, served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-two years as an inventory clerk for the Union Carbide Corporation, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton was an active and devout member of the Central Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder and for fifty-two years as the teacher of the Men's Bible Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ned Denton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty years, Betty June Andrews Denton, and was the proud father of Linda Holland, Betty M. Webb, and Hal Denton; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Frances Denton, and his six grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Leland and Billy Bob Denton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edward Merrill "Ned" Denton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Denton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.